IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device configured to be connected to a plurality of <u>other</u> peripheral devices via a network, said peripheral device comprising:

means for managing ~~said~~ <u>the</u> plurality of <u>other</u> peripheral devices <u>and said peripheral device</u>; and

means provided in said peripheral device for selecting ~~one~~ <u>a managing</u> peripheral device ~~out of said plurality of peripheral devices, including peripheral devices other than said peripheral device,~~ to manage ~~said~~ <u>the plurality of other</u> peripheral devices <u>and said peripheral device</u>,

wherein ~~said~~ <u>the managing</u> peripheral device is selected <u>by said means for selecting</u> out of ~~said~~ <u>a group including the</u> plurality of <u>other</u> peripheral devices <u>and said peripheral device</u> ~~to manage said plurality of peripheral devices~~.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising:

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of ~~said one~~ <u>the managing</u> peripheral device selected by said means for selecting.

4. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 3, further comprising:

means for enabling said means for managing when ~~said one~~ <u>the managing</u> peripheral device selected by said means for selecting is said peripheral device.

5. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 3, further comprising:

means for disabling said means for managing when ~~said one~~ the managing peripheral

device selected by said means for selecting is not said peripheral device.

6. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 3, wherein said means for

managing comprises:

means for receiving instructions from a user station connected to ~~said~~ the network;

means for requesting and receiving information from ~~said~~ the plurality of other

peripheral devices;

means for setting configurations for ~~said~~ the plurality of other peripheral devices; and

means for sending information to ~~said~~ the user station.

7. (Original) The peripheral device of claim 3, further comprising means for

printing.

8. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 3, wherein said means for

selecting comprises means for comparing a characteristic for each of ~~said~~ the plurality of

other peripheral devices and said peripheral device.

9. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising:

means for checking if ~~an other~~ another peripheral device is managing ~~said~~ the

plurality of other peripheral devices and said peripheral device.

10. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim [[5]] 9, further comprising:

means for disabling said means for managing when ~~said other~~ the another peripheral

device is managing ~~said~~ the plurality of other peripheral devices and said peripheral device;

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of

~~said other~~ the another peripheral device.

11. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a plurality of peripheral devices connected to a network,

wherein each peripheral device of said plurality of peripheral devices comprises:

means for managing said plurality of peripheral devices; and

means provided in each peripheral device for selecting ~~one~~ a managing

peripheral device ~~out of said plurality of peripheral devices, including peripheral devices~~

~~other than said peripheral device,~~ to manage said plurality of peripheral devices,

wherein said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device is selected by said means for selecting

out of a group including said plurality of peripheral devices, which includes peripheral

devices other than said peripheral device selecting said managing peripheral device ~~to~~

~~manage said plurality of peripheral devices~~.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein each peripheral device

further comprises:

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of

said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device selected by said means for selecting.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein each peripheral device further

comprises:

means for checking which peripheral device is managing said plurality of peripheral

devices.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein each peripheral device further comprises:

means for enabling said means for managing.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein each peripheral device further comprises:

means for disabling said means for managing;

a web server; and

means for setting a default URL for said web server to correspond to a web server of said managing peripheral device ~~managing said plurality of peripheral devices~~.

17. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said means for managing comprises:

means for requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices.

18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said means for managing comprises:

means for receiving instructions from a user station connected to said network;

means for requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices;

means for setting configurations for said plurality of peripheral devices; and

means for sending information to said user station.

19. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein each peripheral device further comprises means for printing.

20. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for selecting comprises means for comparing a characteristic for each of said plurality of peripheral devices.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a plurality of peripheral devices connected to a network, comprising the steps of:

using a peripheral device of said plurality of peripheral devices to select ~~one~~ a managing peripheral device ~~out of said plurality of peripheral devices, including peripheral devices other than said peripheral device,~~ to manage said plurality of peripheral devices;

managing said plurality of peripheral devices from said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device; and

setting default URLs of web servers for said peripheral devices to correspond to a web server for said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device,

wherein said managing peripheral device is selected out of a group including said plurality of peripheral devices, which includes peripheral devices other than said peripheral device used to select said managing peripheral device ~~to manage said plurality of peripheral devices~~.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:

disabling managing means of peripheral devices other than said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of managing from said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device comprises the step of:

receiving instructions from a user station connected to said network.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of managing from said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device comprises the step of:

requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of managing

from said ~~one~~ managing peripheral device comprises the steps of:

receiving instructions from a user station connected to said network;

requesting and receiving information from said plurality of peripheral devices;

setting configurations for said plurality of peripheral devices; and

sending information to said user station.

26. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of printing.

27. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of selecting comprises a

step of comparing a characteristic for each of said plurality of peripheral devices.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

a computer storage medium and a computer program code mechanism embedded in

the computer storage medium for causing a peripheral device to manage a plurality of

peripheral devices connected to a network, the computer program code mechanism

comprising:

a first computer code device configured to manage said plurality of peripheral devices

from ~~one~~ a managing peripheral device; and

a second computer code device configured to select said ~~one~~ managing peripheral

device ~~out of said plurality of peripheral devices, including peripheral devices other than said~~

~~peripheral device,~~ to manage said <u>plurality of</u> peripheral devices,

wherein said <u>managing</u> peripheral device is selected out of <u>a group including</u> said

plurality of peripheral devices<u>, which includes peripheral devices other than said peripheral</u>

<u>device used to select said managing peripheral device</u> ~~to manage said plurality of peripheral~~

~~devices~~.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, further comprising:

a second computer code device configured to check which peripheral device is managing said plurality of peripheral devices.

31. (Original) The computer program product of claim 30, further comprising:

a third computer code device configured to enable said first computer code device.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 30, further comprising:

a third computer code device configured to disable said first computer code device and to set a URL of a web server to correspond to a web server for said <u>managing</u> peripheral device ~~managing said plurality of peripheral devices~~.

33. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said first computer code device comprises:

a second computer code device configured to receive instructions from a user station connected to said network.

34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said first computer code device comprises:

a second computer code device configured to request and receive information from said plurality of peripheral devices.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said first computer code device comprises:

a second computer code device configured to receive instructions from a user station

connect to said network;

a third computer code device configured to request and receive information from said

plurality of peripheral devices;

a fourth computer code device configured to set configurations for said plurality of

peripheral devices; and

a fifth computer code device configured to send information to said user station.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said

second computer code device comprises a third computer code device configured to compare

a characteristic for each of said plurality of peripheral devices.

37.-40. (Canceled)